

First Announcement

EUROBIOFILMS 2009

First European Congress on Microbial Biofilms

Rome, 2 - 5 September 2009

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Welcome Message



Dear Colleagues,

from September 2 to 5, 2009 Rome will be the fascinating venue of EUROBIOFILMS 2009, the First European Congress on Microbial Biofilms. This event aims to provide the large number of European scientists involved in the field of microbial biofilms with a valuable forum for a multidisciplinary scientific exchange of information with colleagues coming from all over the world. The already approved ESCMID and FEMS grants will offer financial support for the participation of a number of young scientists.

The congress will join together microbiologists and specialists in infectious diseases, hygiene and public health who are investigating different aspects of bacterial and fungal biofilms.

Further, the attendance of biotechnologists, chemists and engineers will update participants on the currently available methods to control biofilms in medical, environmental and industrial systems.

The congress will be also focused on the evaluation of health and environmental risks related to the sessile mode of microbial growth in order to provide innovative responses in terms of prevention and treatment.

EUROBIOFILMS 2009 program has been developed together with the ESCMID Study Group on Biofilms to combine state of the art lectures and sessions dealing with the major issues of this fast-growing scientific area.

I look forward to welcoming you to what promise to be an educational, enjoyable and exciting meeting in Rome !

*Gianfranco Donelli
Chair, EUROBIOFILMS 2009*

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General Information

EUROBIOFILMS 2009 will be held in the Congress Center of the Fondazione Santa Lucia, a large and modern research hospital located near to the most important archaeological area of Rome.

A 500 seats Auditorium (Hall A) will be available in the Congress Center for Plenary and Keynote Lectures. Every day, just after the first coffee break, this Auditorium will be split into 2 conference rooms of 250 seats each (Hall A1 and Hall A2) to run parallel sessions/symposia.

Suitable rooms for poster display, industrial exhibitions and technical workshops will be available in a building immediately close to the Auditorium.

A shuttle bus service to reach the congress venue in the morning and come back to the hotels in the afternoon will be provided to all participants that will book their accommodation in the congress hotels. The congress venue is also served by public buses.

Congress Overview

September 2, 2009

10.00 – 18.00	Registration
10.30 – 12.30	Technical Workshops
14.00 – 14.30	Congress Opening
14.30 – 15.30	Opening Lectures
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00 – 18.30	Sessions 1 & 2
18.30 – 20.30	<i>Welcome Reception</i>

September 3, 2009

08.30 – 09.30	Keynote Lectures
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.00 – 11.00	Symposia 1 & 2
11.00 – 13.00	Sessions 3 & 4
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Poster discussion
15.00 – 17.30	Sessions 5 & 6

September 4, 2009	
08.30 – 09.30	Keynote Lectures
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.00 – 11.00	Symposia 3 & 4
11.00 – 13.00	Sessions 7 & 8
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Poster discussion
15.00 – 17.30	Sessions 9 & 10
September 5, 2009	
09.00 – 09.30	Keynote Lecture
09.30 – 10.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.00 – 11.00	Poster discussion
11.00 – 13.00	Session 11
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Farewell Lunch</i>

Congress Topics

Antibiotic Resistance in Biofilm-Growing Bacteria
 Bacterial Biofilms in Chronic Wounds
 Biofilm Control Strategies and Therapeutic Approaches
 Biofilm-Based Medical Device-Related Infections
 Biofilm-Growing Bacteria in Gastrointestinal and Urogenital Tracts
 Biofilms in Industrial Systems
 Biofilms in Natural Environments
 C-di-GMP Regulation of Biofilm Phenotypes Relevant to Virulence
 Fungal Biofilms
 Host-Pathogen Interactions in Biofilm-Mediated Infections
 Oral Biofilms: Structure, Microbial Interactions and Development
 The Biofilm Matrix
 The Early Stages of Biofilm Development

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Important Dates to Remember

Preliminary Program	October 15, 2008
Registration and Abstract Submission Opening *	January 15, 2009
Abstract Submission Deadline **	April 15, 2009
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	May 30, 2009
Early Registration	June 15, 2009
Registration	July 20, 2009
Final Program	July 31, 2009

* Authors interested in the oral presentation of their contributions are invited to register and submit their abstracts as soon as possible in order to be considered by the Organizing Committee for their possible inclusion in the Sessions or Symposia.

** **Late breaking abstracts** will be accepted **until May 15, 2009** but will be considered **only for Poster presentations**.

Registration Fees (including VAT)

	Early Registration until June 15, 2009	Registration until July 20, 2009	Late/On site Registration
Standard Registrant*	€ 600	€ 650	€ 700
Young Registrant **	€ 400	€ 450	€ 500
Trainee Registrant ***	€ 300	€ 350	€ 400
Daily Registrant****	€ 200	€ 250	€ 250
Accompanying person*****	€ 200	€ 250	€ 250

*The **Standard , Young and Trainee Registrant** fee includes a congress bag containing the Final Program/ Abstract Book and the other congress documents as well as vouchers for the participation to the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception, working lunches , coffee breaks and Farewell Lunch.

To register as **Young Attendee, the applicant must be under the age of 40 and is required to attach a copy of his/her identity card to the registration form.

***To register as a **Trainee**, the applicant must be under the age of 30 and a copy of his/her identity card must be attached to the registration form together with a letter of his/her supervisor certifying the student status.

******Daily registrants** are entitled to receive a copy of the Final Program/Abstract Book together with the vouchers for the working lunch and the coffee breaks of the day.

*****The **Accompanying Person** fee includes the participation to the Opening Ceremony, Welcome Reception and Farewell Lunch as well as a full day tour of Rome. Admittance to Scientific Sessions, Symposia and Workshops is not permitted.

Grants available for young attendees which are members of ESCMID or members of a National Society of Microbiology belonging to FEMS

The following attendance grants offered by ESCMID and FEMS are available:

15 ESCMID grants (EUR 400) for young attendees under 40 years old (born in 1969 or later)

FEMS grants for young attendees under 36 years old that will be assigned as follow:

- a) 15 grants for European attendees (EUR 400)
- b) 5 grants for non European attendees (EUR 600)

Conditions to apply for a FEMS Young Scientists Meeting Grant (YSMG)

According to the FEMS Regulations, a young scientist wishing to apply for a Meeting Attendance Grant should fill in the YSMG application form (available on: www.fems-microbiology.org) and should be:

- 1) a member of a FEMS Member Society or – in special cases - recommended by such a member;
- 2) younger than 36 years of age at the closing date of the meeting (born after September 5th 1973);
- 3) a working microbiologist;
- 4) the presenting author of an abstract.

Applicants should send to the Congress Secretariat, within March 20th, 2009, the Congress registration form, the YSMG application form, a short CV with a cover letter indicating their motivation for attending the event and a copy of their abstract to be submitted.

Conditions to apply for an ESCMID attendance grant for young scientists

ESCMID provides attendance grants covering the registration fee but not travel or accommodation costs. Applicants (born in 1969 or later) should send to the Congress Secretariat, within March 20th, 2009, the Congress registration form, a short CV with a cover letter indicating their motivation for attending the event and a copy of their abstract to be submitted.